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## DIGEST

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HB No. 163

**Abstract:** Prohibits discrimination on terms for contracts for services during declared states of emergency.

Proposed law provides that, during a state of emergency declared by the governor, it shall be unlawful for any person or entity to contract for services with a person, including a displaced person, for no less than the most advantageous terms than those existing immediately prior to the emergency.

Proposed law provides that, in addition to the penalties provided for in the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, any violation of proposed law shall cause the immediate rescission of the contract or reformation of the contract to the same terms that existed prior to the emergency.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 51:1422)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill.

1. Limits proposed law to contracts for services.
2. Provides that it will be unlawful to contract for no less than the most advantageous terms that existed prior to an emergency.
3. Allows for reformation of the terms of an unlawful contract.